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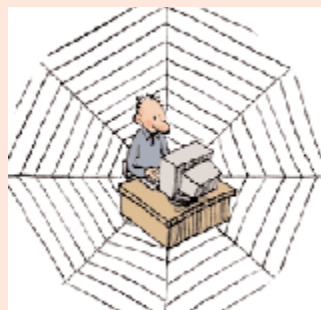
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Medical center targeted for realignment

Keesler Public Affairs

Keesler Medical Center has been recommended for realignment in conjunction with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process.

Recommendations were released Friday by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

The BRAC recommendation states: "Disestablish the inpatient mission and convert the hospital to a clinic with an ambulatory surgery center."

As justification for the proposed realignment, the BRAC recommendation states: "The Department will rely on the civilian medical network for inpatient services. Additionally, a robust network of hospitals with accredited inpatient capacity are located within 40 miles of the base medical center."

Base officials are now reviewing this recommendation in order to assess the possible

BRAC resources

To assist people with vital BRAC information, the Air Force provides toll-free number, 1-888-473-6120, for affected military and civilian members.

Communities can address their concerns with the president's commission at regional BRAC commission meetings or by contacting the commission, 1-703-699-2950.

For more information about the BRAC process and information about affected bases, visit these Web sites:

<http://www.af.mil/brac>,
<http://www.defenselink.mil/brac/> or
<http://www.issues.af.mil/brac.htm>.

impact on base personnel and resources.

The purpose of BRAC is to make the most efficient use of all Defense Department resources, including maximum war-

fighting and operational capability and efficiency, saving taxpayer dollars, and redirecting resources to modernize defense equipment and infrastructure.

The actions are designed to make the Air Force more capable, efficient and effective.

"These assessments and actions must be taken to posture the Air Force and the Department of Defense for the future," said Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander. "However, we understand the impact BRAC has on military members, the local community, retirees, employees and their families.

"Rest assured I will make every effort to keep the lines of communication open to share information and answer questions as we continue through this process."

Secretary Rumsfeld's BRAC recommen-

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Mr. Freeze



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Retired Master Sgt. Allen Money of Saucier, left, has precancerous lesions on his face treated by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Matt Ricks, 81st Medical Operations Squadron dermatologist, at the Keesler Community Center during Friday's Retiree Appreciation Day. More photos, Page 17.

BRAC revamps military medicine

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials have used the Base Realignment and Closure process to transform the way military medicine operates.

Officials said medical facilities will become more joint, consolidate where patients reside and will become state-of-the-art.

"We want to rival Johns Hopkins or the Mayo Clinics," said Dr. William Winkewerder Jr., assistant defense secretary for health affairs.

The recommendations mean changes to military medicine in the nation's capital and San Antonio, as well as changes in many other military health facilities in the United States.

The major recommendation would establish the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center on the grounds of

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COMMENTARY

Getting old has its privileges

By Lt. Col. Randy Coats

333rd Training Squadron commander

I'm a squadron commander and I love my job — well, most of it.

There's one thing that's easy to dislike about command and leadership — specifically, when the people I'm trying to lead remind me, usually unintentionally, that I'm getting old.

If you're over 35 and supervise anyone, you know what I'm talking about.

Somewhere along the way in our career, things just change. It seems like only yesterday that people who met me while I was wearing civilian clothes were surprised to find out I was old enough to be an officer.

The first hint those days were gone came when one of my captains asked me, "Sir, if I'm ever a commander, will I have to dress like that, too?" Not a good sign.

A few weeks later I was helping a young Airman set up a tent when he asked me where I was in 1981. I did some quick math and replied, "Eleventh grade." His eyes lit up and he excitedly blurted out, "Wow! So was my Mom."

I promptly told the young Airman he could set up his tent by himself and I stumbled off to do some first aid on the sucking chest wound that used to be my pride.

That was four years ago and it hasn't gotten better. Recently, I learned that one of my troops ran faster than expected on the physical fitness test because my section commander told him, "You'd better not let that old man beat you."

I don't know what was worse — the fact she said it or that she told me she said it without realizing it would crush what was left of my ego. It's just not fair.

Nonetheless, I wouldn't trade my job for the world. Why? Because there are huge benefits to getting older and being in leadership positions. I had to chuckle when a young officer told me, "Sir, you're so smart. How do you know all this stuff?"

I laughed because I said the exact same thing to my boss several years ago, so I told her the same thing he told me — I'm not smart, I simply have more experience and access to more information.

As you progress into leadership positions, you find that you have both, and it gives you an amazing amount of insight into what needs to be done. The challenge of leadership is to pass that insight to those you lead and to give them the chance to gain some experience of their own.

I laugh a lot about the times folks have pointed out that I'm getting older. I laugh because none of that really matters. All that matters to me — and to any leader — is that hopefully I will help someone to succeed.

It's an incredible feeling to see one of my troops do well at their job, get a promotion or succeed as leader in their own right.

It means that maybe I've put my old age to good use and helped them to succeed — I just wish I could be there someday when they get compared to someone's parents.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Sleep room closure

Comment — I don't think the sleep laboratory should be closed down for the obstetricians to have a place to sleep. This lab is important.

I was recently diagnosed with a serious breathing problem while I sleep. How do you expect to keep diagnosing people in this serious condition if there isn't adequate space for people to be tested?

Response — Thank you for your comment. Regrettably, one of the three sleep lab rooms was closed due to a manning shortage caused by deployments. Subsequently, the Keesler Medical Center facilities utilization board reassigned the space to obstetrics when a construction project on Ward 3A rendered its call room unusable.

Obstetricians are on call, must stay in the medical center overnight, and a call room for sleep is necessary.

Patient care isn't compromised, however, as those who can't be seen in the Keesler Medical Center sleep lab are now referred to TRICARE network providers for their sleep studies.

We are happy to say that our manning has improved and the third sleep lab room is now open.

Lightning strike survivor offers spring storm safety tips

By Staff Sgt. Mike McCadden

81st Mission Support Squadron

A warning that lightning is within five miles isn't to be taken lightly — it should be heeded as if it were an order from your commander.

When I was 12 years old, I was fascinated with storms in general — electrical storms in particular. I even had a slow-shutter camera so I could photograph the full lightning strikes. The local paper even used my photos to tell the story of the storm.

In early March in southern Illinois, storms are frequent and quite severe, similar to what we experience on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The National Weather Service had issued a tornado warning, so I raced outside with my camera to get a picture. I was having problems seeing out of the open garage, so I eased out into the driveway and looked up to see the storm.

At the very instant I looked up, I was

Lightning facts

More than 400 children and adults in the U.S. are struck by lightning while working outside, at sports events, on the beach or during other outdoor activities each year.

If you can hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike at any moment.

Lightning travels sideways for up to 10 miles. Even when the sky looks blue and clear, be cautious. If you hear thunder, take cover. At least 10 percent of lightning occurs without visible clouds overhead in the sky.

Strikes reach temperatures of several tens of thousand degrees Kelvin, which can combust many common materials.

Cloud-to-ground voltage of thunderheads can be tens of million volts, and the current in a lightning strikes can exceed 200,000 amperes.

Energy released by one lightning strike is more than the energy in 1,000 gallons of gasoline or more than the energy of some bombs.

struck in the mouth by a lightning bolt. The braces I wore on my teeth were evidently what attracted the strike, but they were also what saved my teeth from exploding out of my mouth.

I maintained consciousness long enough to observe that the lightning bolt was about 36 inches wide, and to feel the immediate pain caused by several

hundred thousand volts of electricity burning my face, the pressure of the "boom," and experience my body being lifted off the ground.

I was alone when this happened and remained unconscious for four hours, regaining consciousness about 15 feet from where I had been standing. My teeth were blown inward, my

lips split and burnt, and one side of my face was covered in blisters.

My toenails had blown off through my shoes where the lightning exited my body. I somehow made it to a neighbor's house and was taken to the emergency room for help.

I healed slowly and even had to drink my food liquefied through a straw for six months while my mouth was wired shut. It took several surgeries and 10 years of teeth braces to complete the healing process. Some say I am now losing my hair too fast, so that could be an after-effect.

I never go outside if lightning is in the area, and when I am caught outside and feel the electricity build and the hair on my arm start to rise, I run inside.

When I was struck, I felt the hair on my neck rise and I had less than a second before the lightning struck.

When I'm in the rain, I carry an umbrella constructed of wood struts instead of metal ones.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Keesler joins 8-state disaster response exercise

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Tuesday through May 26, Keesler joins area, state and federal agencies in Lifesaver 2005, a major Homeland Security/National Disaster Medical System exercise.

Lifesaver 2005 involves eight states and more than 300 area, state, tribal and federal government personnel and first responders. More than 20 hospitals are participating.

The exercise is based on an oil refinery explosion involving more than 200 patients at the incident site at the Vancleave Rodeo Stadium.

Four simultaneous operations will occur. The Mississippi Regional Response Team and Jackson County emergency response personnel will test various components for command and control, decontamination and response capabilities based on a functional exercise.

The Air Force conducts a more elaborate full-scale exercise to test patient tracking, movement and communication to and from Mississippi Gulf Coast and Mobile, Ala., hospitals and the Mississippi State Department of Health together with the FBI and other concerned agencies will respond to a simulated bioterrorist attack.

Also on Tuesday, 80 simulated patients are pre-staged at Trent Lott International Airport in Moss Point, Miss.

Alabama-3 disaster medical assistance teams and a new military DMAT will test patient tracking, communications and alternate airfield operations using Trent Lott airport for the first time as a regional evacuation point.

Florida-1 DMAT establishes operations at the Air National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport to recover the missions that

Wanted: Lifesaver volunteers

Volunteers are needed Tuesday and Wednesday to act as patients for the Lifesaver 2005 exercise.

A total of 206 people, active-duty and retired military, dependents and civilians, are needed Tuesday at the Vancleave accident site.

Ground transport victims are moved to local Mississippi hospitals from Hancock County to Singing River Hospital in Jackson County.

Alabama victims travel to the Mobile area hospitals. All incident site victims return to the Vancleave incident site for pickup.

Another 80 active-duty military are required at Trent Lott Airport in Moss Point.

Ninety active-duty members are needed Wednesday at the National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport.

Some active-duty role-players are flown to a regional facility and return later the same day.

Also on Wednesday, 90 active-duty volunteers are needed at Gulfport. These patients are also transported to three patient reception sites in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, returning later that day.

Volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes and leave loose jewelry at home.

Since moulage may ruin personal clothing, all simulated patients should wear old battle dress uniforms or old, clean clothing.

All patients should plan to eat breakfast, or dinner for those volunteering for nights, before they arrive the day of the exercise.

Limited food and beverages are provided at exercise sites, but volunteers may go a few hours without anything to eat or drink.

Volunteer patients should bring a small amount of food and beverages in a backpack small enough to fit under a regular commercial plane seat.

Active-duty volunteers must hand-carry their military identification card.

For those flying, no alcoholic beverages may be packed in hand-carried or stowed luggage. Under no circumstances will acids, fireworks, gunpowder, gasoline or other hazardous articles be packed in hand-carried or stowed luggage.

Weapons and potentially explosive devices aren't allowed on the aircraft.

Actual show times and locations will be announced.

Active-duty flying volunteers return to Keesler by 6 p.m., depending on weather and delays. Vancleave incident site volunteers are transported to the last hospital and return by 6 p.m.

To volunteer or for more information, call Col. (Dr.) William Dunn, 81st Dental Squadron, william.dunn@keesler.af.mil.

S.C., the Army's Bush Field in Augusta, Ga., Dobbins Air Reserve Base and Fort Benning, Ga., and then transported to civilian hospitals. Patients will move to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Birmingham Ala., and Columbia, S.C., and Moncrief Army Community Hospital at Fort Jackson, S.C.

The Army's "Flat Iron" unit from Fort Rucker, Ala., operates a UH-1 helicopter in Moss Point and Gulfport and flies patients to civilian hospitals.

Two C-130J Hercules aircraft operated by the 403rd Wing fly the missions all three days.

The recent Code Silver weapons of mass destruction tabletop exercise held at the Keesler Community Center was a building block for Lifesaver 2005, with more than 80 military and civilian first responders and support agencies participating.

Code Silver identified strengths and improvement opportunities for Keesler and area, state and federal agencies, according to Master Sgt. Scott Thresher, homeland defense director and National Disaster Medical System and Federal Coordinating Center area coordinator.

In addition to the 403rd Wing, Keesler participants include the 81st Medical Group, 81st Training Group, 81st Transportation Squadron, 81st Communications Squadron, 81st Security Forces Squadron, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron, 81st Supply Squadron, 81st Contracting Squadron, 81st Training Wing staff agencies and the 81st Mission Support Group Services Division.

To support the exercise, the 81st Training Wing will provide approximately 200 members to act as "patients" over the three-day event.

departed Trent Lott International Airport earlier in the morning.

The next day, the Gulfport Air National Guard CRTC is established as a REP and a patient reception area to

move 80-plus patients to Veterans Affairs PRA facilities in six states.

On May 26, 40 Navy and Marine "patients" are flown from Naval Station Pensacola, Fla., to Columbia,



Photo by Kemberly Groue

When the Sproles twins are in uniform, you can tell them apart because Zan, right, has first lieutenant's bars and wears the Air Education and Training Command instructor badge.

Identical twins reunite at Keesler

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

When Geneva Sproles decided her identical twin boys needed to be treated as individuals, she dressed them in similar outfits in different colors. But somehow, Zan and Scotty Sproles ended up dressed alike in Air Force blues.

The 26-year-old Arkansas natives took different paths to the Air Force, but their roads crossed at Keesler and will intertwine in the coming months.

First Lt. Zan Sproles, a communications officer training instructor in the 333rd Training Squadron for the past two years, has been in the Air Force for four years. He begins pilot training with the Navy at Whiting Field, Fla., June 21.

Second Lt. Scotty Sproles, who began the weather officer course in the 335th TRS in April, joined the Air Force 17 months ago after four years as an analytical chemist.

"When I'm flying, I'll be relying on weather briefings and forecasts, including observations from Shaw (Air Force Base, S.C.) where my brother will be a weather officer," Zan explained.

Growing up near Little Rock AFB, Ark., the twins said the Air Force was always an influence in their lives. Their dad, Robert, served four years in the Air Force, and as little boys, Zan and Scotty used to run outside and look whenever they heard a plane overhead.

"Our mom believed that we were two separate people who just happened to look alike," Scotty observed. "They wouldn't allow us to

be in the same classes in elementary school, but we were in almost all of the same classes in junior high and high school."

"We competed with each other and really disliked each other, but our brotherly scuffles never escalated," Zan recalled. "Things got a lot better when we went off to different colleges."

"We still nit-pick at each other, but it's all in good fun," Scotty remarked.

Scotty graduated from Arkansas State University in 2000 with a degree in chemistry, but wasn't satisfied with his job as a chemist. After joining the Air Force, he earned a second degree in meteorology at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Zan was commissioned in 2001 after graduation from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville with a degree in computer information systems. He just completed his master's degree in information technology management from Touro University.

Scotty and his wife, Stacey, have been married for almost four years and are expecting their first child at Christmas. Zan and his wife, Christi, have been married for three years.

Although they're both at Keesler now, the time they spend together is limited because Scotty has a lot of studying to do.

"Even though we haven't spent a lot of time together in the past few years, there are a lot of little similarities and things we do alike," Scotty observed. "I went over to visit the other day, and we were wearing the exact same kind of shoes."

Gators get new leader

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Lt. Col. Geoffrey McClendon relinquishes command of the 334th Training Squadron to Lt. Col. Richard Miller, 3 p.m. Monday in front of Cody Hall.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony moves to the Keesler Club.

For the past two years, Colonel Miller has been the chief for air traffic control and landing systems resources and requirements at Air Force Materiel Command headquarters, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

Colonel Miller entered the

Air Force in April 1988 after graduation from the University of Portland, Oregon. His assignments have included Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras; Beale AFB, Calif.; Shaw AFB, S.C.; and Chievres AB, Belgium.

He deployed in support of Operations Desert Storm, Allied Force and Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel McClendon, a University of Alabama graduate who's commanded the Gators for the past two years, is headed to Maxwell AFB, Ala., where he'll be chief of officer recruiting at ROTC headquarters.

45th Airlift Squadron plans change of command

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Lt. Col. Christopher Miceli takes command of the 45th Airlift Squadron from Lt. Col. Michael Torino, 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Keesler Club.

Currently the squadron's director of operations, Colonel Miceli is a native of New Orleans who earned his commission in 1986 from the ROTC program at the University of New Orleans.

The colonel is a command pilot with 3,900 flying hours.

He's been assigned to Pope Air Force Base, N.C.; Columbus AFB, MS; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Scott AFB, Ill.; and Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

He's flown combat and combat support missions in support of Operations Desert Storm, Uphold Democracy, Enduring Freedom, Joint Forge and Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Torino, who's been the commander since 2003, is going to the Pentagon, where he'll be the Air Staff's aircrew training program manager.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Students moving on

Students on the Move, a seminar for nonprior service students making their first permanent change-of-station move and their spouses, is 3:30-5 p.m. in the Fishbowl.

Experts from several base agencies advise students how to avoid financial losses and ensure household goods are shipped properly.

To register, call 377-0155 or 0698.

ACT deadline

The education office deadline to sign up for the July 11 ACT is May 26.

To sign up, visit Room 224, Sablich Center or call 377-2323 or 2171.

Summer school

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center offers a summer term May 31-August 12.

Pre-registration for currently enrolled students is now available on the Web site. Registration by appointment in Sablich Center, Room 221 begins May 16 for active-duty military.

Students who will take English composition I, oral communication or a mathematics class for the first time must have an assessment of skills.

For more information, call 377-2287.

Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: June 23, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

Special programs

June 15 is the deadline for officers to apply for several competitive programs.

Programs include the Air Force Institute of Technology or Naval Postgraduate School master's and doctoral programs, Education With Industry, Space Lift Education and Crossover Program, Acquisition and Intelligence Experience Exchange Tour, Acquisition and Logistics Experience Exchange Tour, Space and Missile Acquisition Exchange Program, Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, Information Officer Engineering Exchange and the

Stripes to bars



Staff Sgt. Michael Sciorino, 334th Training Squadron, is one of 18 enlisted members chosen for the two-year Tri-Service Physician Assistant Training Program at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Sergeant Sciorino, who's spent the last two of his 11 years in the Air Force at Keesler as an instructor, served for four years as a medical technician before becoming a combat controller seven years ago. He's been deployed three times and earned the Purple Heart when he was injured in Afghanistan in 2001 while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. He'll be commissioned a second lieutenant after completing the program.

Instructor Candidate Board.

Programs provide developmental education and crossflow development assignments for officers in the eligible career fields.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Hanna Chang, 377-7018.

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Student parades are 7 p.m. July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade date hasn't been scheduled.

Drill downs are 8 a.m. June 3 and 7 a.m. Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

Classes for spouses

The Air Force Aid Society is funding another education class for non-military spouses of active-duty Air Force members at Keesler through Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

The course, 9 a.m. to noon Mondays and Wednesdays from July 11-Aug. 3, covers keyboard and computer screen terms, Microsoft Word I and II, EXCEL I and II, resume writing, customer service and basic office practices.

Fifteen students and four alternates are selected. Retirees, dependent children, spouses who are active-duty military members, or other branches of military service aren't eligible.

The application deadline is 4 p.m. June 23. Applications are available at the family support center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or in the transition employment opportunities public folder. Applicants bring completed forms to the family support center, with military identification card for verification.

For more information, call 377-2179.

WIA grants

Military spouses and veterans are now eligible for dislocated worker training grants under the Workforce Investment Act.

Categories that fall under the WIA definition of dislocated worker are honorably discharged veterans (given priority over non-veterans), military spouses who make a permanent change of station with military member, spouses of military members who are honorably discharged and surviving spouses of veterans and military members.

For more information, call the family support center, 377-2179.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, opens Wingman Day May 11 with a mass briefing in the new hangar. After speakers and small group interaction on a unit level, team-building activities took place across the base.



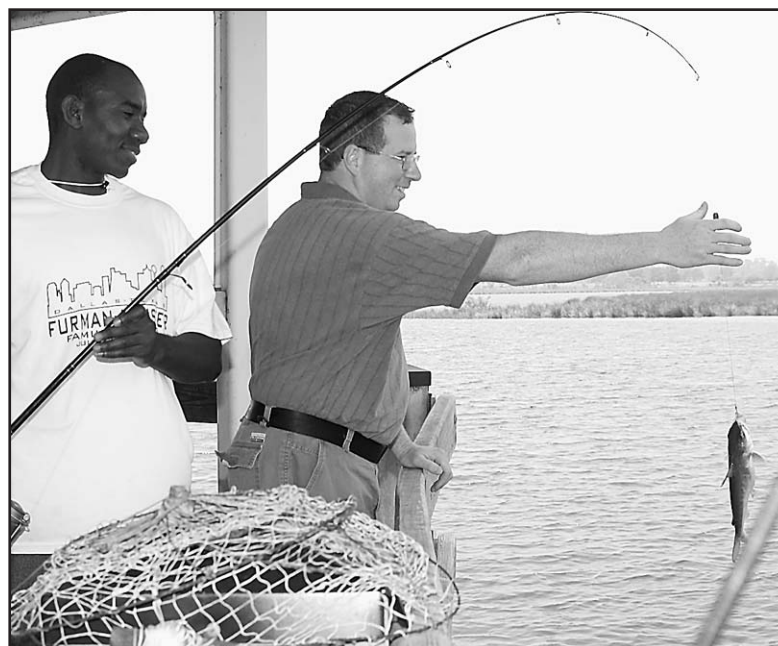
Keesler observes Wingman Day



Senior Airmen Kelli Clem, top, and Katie Fields, Airmen Against Drunk Driving members from the 81st Communications Squadron, demonstrate their sumo wrestling prowess. Base organizations planned a variety of activities designed to build camaraderie among co-workers.

Staff Sgt. Michael Davis, left, gets some help from his supervisor and wingman, Tech. Sgt. Mark Smith, when he lands a catfish at the marina. Both are assigned to the 81st Medical Operations Squadron. The fishing tournament was one of the afternoon's Wingman Day activities, along with golf skills, bowling, softball, dodgeball and other sports competitions.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



IN THE NEWS

Chief of staff nominee announced

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Gen. T. Michael Moseley, Air Force vice chief of staff, has been nominated to succeed Gen. John Jumper as Air Force chief of staff.

General Moseley, who entered the Air Force in 1971, commanded a fighter weapons instructor course, an operations group, a wing and a numbered air force. He also commanded the U.S. Central Command Air Forces and served as the Combined Forces Air Component Commander for Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

His previous Pentagon assignments include director of legislative liaison for the secretary of the Air Force, deputy director for politico-military affairs for Asia/Pacific and Middle East for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and chief of the Air Force general officer matters office.

The general is a command pilot with more than 2,800 flying hours, principally in fighter aircraft.

Military nursing corps concerns

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The nurse shortage is a growing national and international problem, but Air Force officials are taking measures to sustain its 3,608 person active-duty nurse corps.

"We need to maintain robust recruiting to sustain our nurse corps," Maj. Gen. Barbara Brannon, assistant surgeon general for nursing services, told the Senate Appropriations Committee's subcommittee on defense May 10.

"Retention is the other dimension of force sustainment," she continued. "While monetary incentives play the key role in recruiting, quality of life issues become important when career decisions are made."

Uniform OK for deployment travel

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — A new Air Force policy gives Airmen the choice to wear their desert combat uniform when traveling to and from deployment locations.

Until recently, Airmen were required to wear civilian clothing on flights in and out of the area of responsibility.

The new policy allows Airmen to wear their uniforms when traveling inside the United States to their port of departure if they fly aboard an American-based airline and when traveling to the AOR if they're flying on a military or chartered commercial aircraft. The same rules apply when Airmen come home.

Part of the policy requires Airmen to carry a change of civilian clothes with them if they choose to wear a uniform, and a clean uniform if they choose to wear civilian clothes to adjust their appearance if the situation demands it.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the June 2 issue of the Keesler News is noon May 26, four days earlier than usual, because of the Memorial Day federal holiday, May 30.

The newspaper office is closed May 30 in observance of the holiday.

5 Captains step up in rank

By Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

Five Keesler Captains were selected for promotion to major by the board that convened at Randolph Air Force, Texas, Nov. 1.

Those on the promotion list released Monday are:

2nd Air Force — Daniel Loving and Charles Rice.

81st Training Wing — Morshe Araujo.

333rd Training Squadron — Stephen Rinehart.

335th TRS — Sherard Dorroh.

The board considered 1763 captains in the primary zone and 531 above the primary zone.

The average time in grade, average time in service and the month promotions become effective aren't available until the Senate confirms those selected.

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dations are not final. The Independent BRAC Commission now reviews the list for conformity to DOD force structure plans and published selection criteria, then reports its findings and conclusions to President George Bush by Sept. 8.

Capt. Morshe Araujo, 81st Training Wing Public Affairs director, and Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Medicine,

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Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland.

It also creates a new 165-bed community hospital at Fort Belvoir, Va. If approved, the cost is about \$1 billion, said Lt. Gen. (Dr.) George Peach Taylor, Air Force surgeon general, who headed the joint cross-service group that worked on the medical BRAC recommendations.

Army, Navy and Air Force medics will staff both facilities, officials said. The current hospitals, Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda, are separated by just seven miles.

They are the primary receiving hospitals for casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We believe the best way to do this is to place the facility on the Bethesda campus," Dr. Taylor said.

Besides housing the new Walter Reed, the Bethesda campus keeps the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. The National Institutes of Health is also right across the street from the Bethesda facility.

"The facility is able to accommodate the in-patient activities at this location," Dr. Taylor said.

In addition to closing the Army's Walter Reed campus in Washington, D.C., Malcolm Grow Hospital at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., would close its in-patient facilities and become a large same-day surgery center, officials said.

"We know these types of joint medical facilities work,"

Dr. Taylor said. "We have two of them today. Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany has been staffed by Army and Air Force for more than 10 years. If you go to Balad hospital in Balad (Iraq), it is Army- and Air Force-run."

Changes would take place in San Antonio also. The two big medical facilities there are Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston and the 59th Medical Wing's Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB. Plans call for medical care to center at Brooke.

It will become the San Antonio Regional Medical Center and will be a jointly staffed, 425-bed center. At Lackland, BRAC recommends building a world-class outpatient and ambulatory surgery center. The trauma center at Lackland will close, and Brooke will expand to handle the need, officials said.

San Antonio also will become the hub for training enlisted medical technicians of all services.

Currently, the Army trains at Sam Houston, but the Air Force trains medics at Shepard AFB, Texas, and Sailors train at Great Lakes, Ill., San Diego, and Portsmouth, Va.

"All enlisted specialty training would be done at Fort Sam Houston," Dr. Taylor said.

The student load would be about 4,500.

Aerospace medicine research will move from Brooks City-Base (the one-time Brooks Air Force Base) to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The Navy's Aeromedical Research Lab will move from Pensacola, Fla., to Wright-Patterson also.

The recommendations create six new centers of excellence for

biomedical research. Assets will come from Navy, Air Force and Army locations to these new joint centers, officials said.

They are:

The Joint Center of Excellence in Battlefield Health and Trauma at the Brooke Regional Medical Center.

The Joint Center of Excellence in Infectious Disease Research at the Forest Glen Complex in Maryland.

The Joint Center of Excellence for Aerospace Medicine Research at Wright-Patterson.

The Joint Center of Excellence in Regulated Medical Product Development and Acquisition at Fort Detrick, Md.

The Joint Center of Excellence in Biomedical Defense Research at Fort Detrick.

The Joint Center of Excellence in Chemical, Biological Defense Research, Development and Acquisition at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Overall, the recommendations will cost \$2.4 billion to build new facilities and capabilities. Once in place, the services will save \$400 million per year, officials said.

The joint cross-service group, new in this round of BRAC, made recommendations to Secretary Rumsfeld. In past BRAC rounds, joint groups merely advised service leaders.

"It is my view that the group put together a very thoughtful, very comprehensive plan for improving military health care," Dr. Winkewerder said. "It is a plan that allows us to invest in and modernize key flagship facilities, and, at the same time, it will allow the military health system to be more efficient."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Long term care insurance seminar

Military personnel flight

A Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program educational seminar is 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Sablich Center auditorium.

Long-term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or lifelong assistance with daily living due to illness, injury, aging or a severe cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease.

Created solely for federal family members, the program is designed to protect insured individuals from the potentially high cost of long term care. It's sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management and is underwritten by two insurance companies — John Hancock and MetLife.

More than 207,000 federal family members are currently enrolled, making the program the largest group long-term care insurance plan in the country.

Keith Rohnert, a Department of Defense program expert and contractor, is conducting the seminar.

Testing change for chief promotion

Military personnel flight

Beginning this year, senior master sergeants competing for promotion to chief master sergeant take the Air Force's supervisory examination during the second week of September.

For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window is Sept. 13-16.

Testing is no longer conducted directly after Labor Day.

For more information, call 377-4361 or 7205.

Assignment listings available

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for the January-March 2006 cycle overseas requirements is available.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by Friday. Deployed Airmen can work with their personnel representative to update assignment preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-June.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty and rank. Airmen should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the assignment list.

Airmen can view the lists online at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or at local MPFs.

Officer promotion orders

Effective immediately, Air Force Personnel Center no longer transmits officer promotion orders to military personnel flights for distribution to officers due to the "Quick Win" initiative to reduce MPF workloads.

Officer promotion orders are distributed prior to the effective date of promotion, therefore the new policy doesn't affect receipt of promotion orders or the ceremony. For more information, call 377-3895 or e-mail lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil.

WAPS study list available

Air Force Personnel Center

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — The current weighted airman promotion system catalog, is available on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site, <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/testing>.

The catalog lists study references for those testing for staff through chief master sergeant.

Test dates for staff sergeant are through May 31.

98 AADD 'saves' so far this year

Airmen Against Drunk Driving reported 26 saves in March and 36 saves in April for a total of 98 saves for the first four months of 2005.

AADD volunteers provide a safe, free ride home as an alternative to drinking and drive. Hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thursday-Saturday of compressed work schedule weeks and 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday-Saturday of other weeks.

The pick-up phone number is 547-1534.

Staff Sgt. Ronald Smith, AADD vice president, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Airman found guilty of multiple charges

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Airman Aaron Bernard, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, faced a variety of charges at a general court-martial April 8.

A military judge found Airman Bernard guilty of one specification of violation of a lawful order, five specifications of passing bad checks, six specifications of assault, one specification of house-breaking and one charge of being absent without leave.

He was found guilty of one specification of larceny and one lesser offense of wrongful appropriation, and not guilty of one specification of wrongful appropriation.

He was also guilty of six specifications under Article 134 — stealing mail, wrong-

fully receiving a stolen credit card, two specifications of wrongfully communicating a threat, wrongfully confining someone against their willing and breaking into another person's mailbox.

He was also found guilty of several additional charges — being AWOL, two specifications of bad checks (except for one check), one assault charge and one drunk and disorderly charge.

He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, 16 months confinement and reduction to the lowest enlisted rank. A pretrial agreement limits confinement to no more than 10 months.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



MILITARY JUSTICE

3 get Articles 15 for alcohol-related offenses

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Three Airmen received Articles 15 during April.

An airman first class from the 81st Medical Operations Squadron was punished for twice assaulting another Airman and being drunk and disorderly.

His commander reprimanded him and reduced him to the rank of airman.

An airman basic student from the 335th Training Squadron was punished for willful dereliction of duties for failing to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while under the legal age of 21 and for failing to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while in Phase III status.

His squadron commander directed him to forfeit \$250 per month for two months and to perform extra duties for 30 days. However, the commander suspended the performance of extra duties through

Oct. 27. If he successfully completes the suspension period of the suspension, the requirement to perform extra duties will be remitted.

An airman student from the 336th TRS was punished for driving under the influence of alcohol and dereliction of duties for failing to refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages while underage.

The squadron commander reduced him to the grade of airman basic, directed that he forfeit \$400 pay and ordered him into correctional custody for 30 days. However, the squadron commander suspended the portion of the punishment directing reduction in grade for six months after which, unless the suspension was previously vacated, it will be automatically remitted.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

5 underage drinkers, 8 DUIs last month

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

During April, five Keesler Airmen were cited for underage drinking and eight people were charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

The underage drinkers were students from the 335th and 336th Training Squadrons and permanent party members from the 81st Security Forces Squadron, 81st Communications Squadron and 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

The DUIs included a student from the 336th TRS and permanent party members from the 81st SFS, 81st Training Support Squadron and 81st Transportation Squadron. Two civilians and two retirees were also charged.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Susan Griggs, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Travis Teague, left, Biloxi; Senior Airman Daniel Johnson, Louisiana; and Staff Sgt. Edward Ritter, Vancleave, wait in line to give their completed forms to Senior Airman David Cruz, 81st Security Forces Squadron, at Sablich Center May 14.

Keesler musters up for Reserves Saturday

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

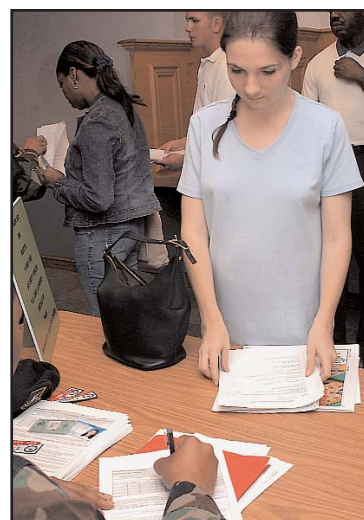
Keesler hosted an Individual Ready Reserve muster Saturday.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Rodney Stone, 81st Mission Support Squadron, this process is directed for Reserve members.

"The purpose of the muster is to screen IRR members prior to their military service obligation ending," Sergeant Stone said. "The Air Reserve Personnel Center at Denver, Colo., requires members to attend musters as this is the only function IRR members can perform for pay."

According to J. J. Vollmuth, 81st Training Wing Air Reserve management officer, military members who finish their military enlisted are obligated for another four years.

"If the president initiates it, any retired military member



Senior Airman Elaine Knight, an inactive reservist from New Orleans, receives an identification card at Sablich Center.

can be recalled," Vollmuth said. "Of course, they must meet the Air Force standards, but even retirees can be recalled. That would be a last

resort case, though."

The reserve headquarters sends orders to personnel who go to the nearest installation.

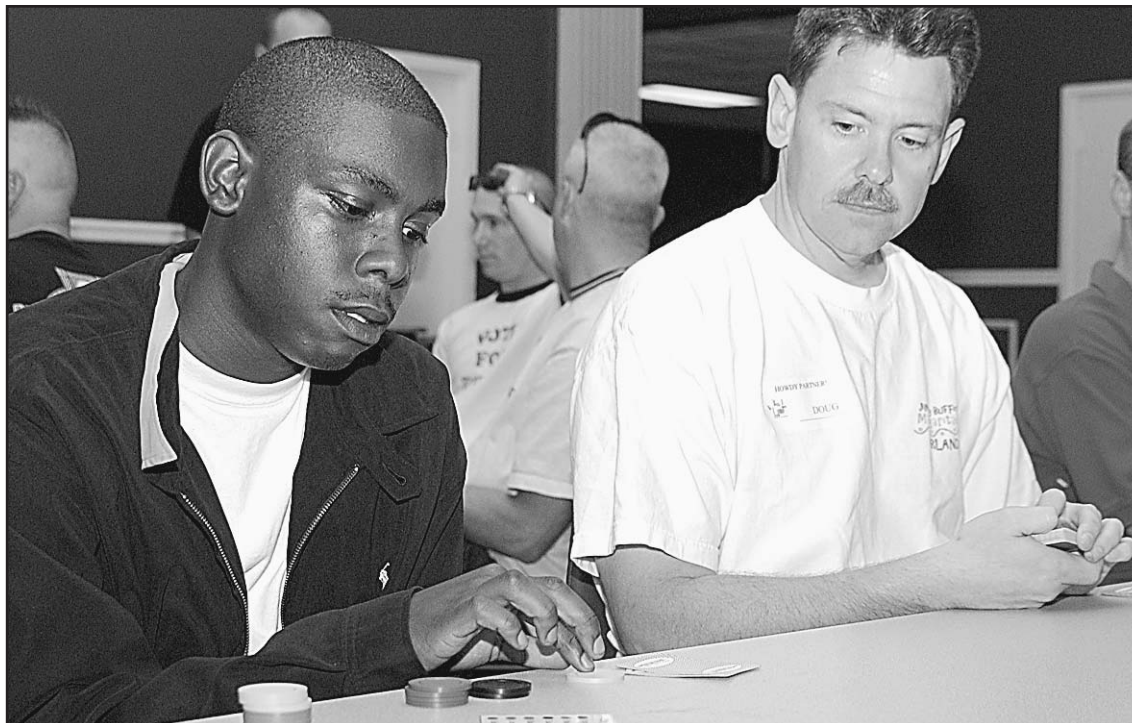
"IRR members within a 150-mile radius of Keesler have their orders to report," Mr. Vollmuth said.

Sergeant Stone added that this muster helps both readiness and deployments.

"At the muster, we screen for a possible recall or mobilizations," Sergeant Stone said. "In the event that the president makes a full or partial recall, the Reserve will be ready."

Keesler's IRR muster is one of 16 musters being held throughout the Air Force in 2005.

The first was held April 16 at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and the final muster is Aug. 16 at Travis AFB, Calif.



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Antwain Robinson, 81st Communications Squadron, contemplates his move during the past round of Texas Hold 'Em, while dealer Master Sgt. Doug Wilder, 332nd Training Squadron, looks on. Airman Robinson finished fourth on May 13 and competes tonight in the grand finale.

Texas Hold 'Em Grand finale tonight at community center



Senior Airman Daniel Carrillo, 81st CS, left, and Tech Sgt. Rich Hetfield, 81st Training Support Squadron, watch the table during the May 13 Texas Hold 'Em event.

By Airman 1st Class
Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

The top 32 Texas Hold 'Em players go head-to-head a 7 p.m. today at the Keesler Community Center to determine who's the best player on base.

The winner goes home with an eight-day seven-night stay at an Armed Forces Vacation Club resort and a \$100 gas card.

The final eight to get a chance to play in tonight's event are:

Staff Sgt. Jason McCash, 338th Training Squadron; retired Master Sgt. Richard Herro; Airman Jeremy Hines, 81st Communications Squadron; Airman Antwain Robinson, 81st CS; Renae Galletto, wife of Christopher Galletto, 81st Training Wing; Staff Sgt. Roy Kristopher, 336th TRS; Senior Airman Brian Ramirez, 81st TRW; and Tech. Sgt. Ritchie Johnson, 336th TRS.

Anyone can attend the event to watch the competitors and can cook their own steak.

Bishop comes for confirmation



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Father Timothy Butler, left, 81st Training Wing chaplain, looks on as Bishop John Kaising confirms Dawn Waters, 14-year-old daughter of Lois and Capt. Bret Waters, 81st Surgical Operation Squadron, while Maria Ainaga, Dawn's sponsor, looks on. Seven young people and three adults were confirmed during the May 15 ceremony at Triangle Chapel. Bishop Kaising is the auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of the Military Services. Most Catholics are baptized as infants, and confirmation marks their adult acceptance of their religious faith.

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month scheduled throughout May at Keesler

Keesler is observing Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month in May.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Bridging the Gap Between Our Differences — Promoting Diversity."

The following is a list of events and activities scheduled for the rest of the month:

Today — Cultural extravaganza, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Keesler Community Center.

May 25 — Asian-Pacific meal menu, including Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, steamed rice, and lemon sesame green beans at base dining facilities.

Wednesdays — Asian-Pacific lunch buffet,



11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Keesler Club.

All month — display at McBride Library.

For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252; or 1st Lt. Lorelei Maloy, 377-1801.

Veterans' preference

Federal agencies now accept disability letters

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. Office of Personnel Management officials are working to make veterans' preference for federal jobs available to more veterans.

One initiative is a new revised application that allows federal agencies to accept veterans' disability letters.

The revised application is being posted on OPM's Web site so agencies immediately can accept Veterans Affairs letters of disability, officials said.

Agencies, OPM examining offices and agency appointing officials use the online application to evaluate claims for veterans' preference on applications for government jobs.

The new revisions to the veterans' preference form bring it in line with VA policy, which generally considers disability letters issued since 1991 as proof of a permanent disability.

To further encourage veterans into the federal system, OPM officials also are continuing the veterans' invitational program, visiting military bases

and medical centers to explain veterans' preference and outline the procedures for applying for federal jobs.

Upcoming visits are planned for Cherry Point, N.C.; Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Bolling Air Force Base, D.C.; Fort Sam Houston and Fort Bliss, Texas; and Fort Lee, Va., officials said.

The initiatives reflect OPM's "strong emphasis on the rights of veterans, including employment opportunities," said Dan Blair, OPM acting director.

"We must ensure those who are eligible for veterans' pref-

erence receive the benefits to which they are entitled," he said.

Veterans of the armed forces have received some degree of hiring preference for federal jobs since the Civil War.

Today's law, reflected in Veterans' Preference Code of 1944, as amended, and in Title 5 of the U.S. Code, ensures that veterans who are disabled or served on active duty in the military during certain specified time frames or campaigns receive preference in hiring from competitive lists of eligi-

ble applicants. It also gives these veterans preference in keeping their jobs during reduction-in-force processes, officials said.

The purpose of veterans' preference, officials said, is to recognize the economic loss suffered during military service, restore veterans to a favorable competitive position for government jobs and acknowledge the debt owed to disabled veterans.

More details about veterans' preference are posted online at [http:// www.opm.gov/veterans /html](http://www.opm.gov/veterans/html).

Exercising absentee voting in off-season is easier with technology, research

By **Samantha Quigley**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Service members and citizens overseas should participate in local off-season elections, the director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program said May 9.

“I think it’s always important for us to exercise our right to vote,” Polli Brunelli said. “We’ve seen from past elections that our uniformed service members and overseas citizens vote in large numbers. They’re engaged in the absentee-voting process, and some actually vote in person as well.”

Just because this isn’t a presidential election year doesn’t mean this election isn’t important, she said. Many elections decide state and local issues.

Ms. Brunelli said it’s important for absentee voters to look at all of the issues — state and local — which concern them in their state of legal voting residence. But it’s up to each voter to decide what issues are important and to research the candidates.

“(It’s) a little bit easier than it used to be in the old days, where we found our overseas citizens were mostly getting

information on elections from their friends and family members,” Ms. Brunelli said. “They would either send them local newspapers or tell them what the candidates stood for and what the issues were.”

The FVAP Web site, <http://www.fvap.gov>, provides multiple links to states’ Web sites, state associations, political party sites and other organizations where voters can find a plethora of information. News organizations can also be accessed via the Web, she said.

Voter-registration and absentee ballot request forms are readily available as well.

It takes research to cast an effective vote, Ms. Brunelli said.

“It’s incredibly important to be informed about these issues,” she said. “An informed voter is a good voter. It shows civic responsibility in that regard when you’re informed.

“The (Federal Post Card Application) is the easiest way to request registration and an absentee ballot,” she said. “And the easiest way to get the form is from voting-assistance officers at military installations.”

Mary Altaffer gets pointers on using a physio-ball for stretching and exercising from Senior Airman John Brooks during Friday's Retiree Appreciation Day activities at the Keesler Community Center. Mrs. Altaffer is married to retired Senior Master Sgt. John Altaffer of Pascagoula. Airman Brooks is assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Photos by Kemberly Groue



Base celebrates military retirees



Vuslat Venus of Ocean Springs stocks up at the commissary's case lot sale. Her husband is retired Col. Jim Venus.



Senior Airman Gerald Davis, 81st Medical Support Squadron, tests the pulmonary capacity of retired Master Sgt. Norman Hayes of Biloxi.



Paris Golden, 81st MDSS, draws a blood donation from retired Master Sgt. Calixto Abelon, who's now a civilian instructor in the 338th Training Squadron.



Retired Army Col. Wes Kuhn, left, and retired Army Master Sgt. Harry Menius enjoy the free lunch at the marina. Both retirees are from Biloxi.

Keesler pediatrician provides medical care in Guatemala

By Master Sgt.
Ruby Zarzyczny

943rd Rescue Group

Outside a primitive five-room elementary school tucked away in the mountains of Guatemala, hundreds of villagers line up to receive medical, dental and optometry care from 33 deployed reservists of the MEDRETE '05 Guatemala mission.

The 710th Medical Squadron from Offutt, AFB Neb. is the lead unit for MEDRETE, a medical readiness training exercise that provided care and preventative health education to more than 8,500 residents of three rural Guatemalan communities, April 23-May 7.

Pediatrician for the mission was Lt. Col. Yvette Guzman, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, an individual mobilization augmentee. She and the other medics worked side-by-side with Guatemalan military members, local community leaders and medical professionals.

Training in field conditions is important for training reservists for real-world deployments. Originally, the 710th MDS planned to participate in a simulated NATO training exercise in Lithuania for their annual tour, but decided to participate in the MEDRETE.

"You learn more, train better, and improve your abilities — there is only so much you can learn with simulations," Col. Steven Gonzales, 710th MDS chief, professional services and troop commander, pointed out.

About two-thirds of the patients seen at the MEDRETE clinics are children.

Colonel Guzman, who saw about 65 children a day, said major concerns are a lack of awareness in nutrition, prenatal care and hygiene.

"If the children here were provided a daily balanced meal, they'd be growing according to the Academy of Pediatrics standards," the colonel noted. "Right now, most of the children are at the 30th percentile



Photo by Master Sgt. Ruby Zarzyczny

Colonel Guzman explains to a Guatemalan mother how to give her daughter the medication she has prescribed.

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— Colonel Guzman

due to the lack of nutrition."

Another concern is the large amount of skin infections and parasites among the children.

"I've seen an overwhelming amount of scabies in this population," Colonel Guzman noted. "Because the children play in the dirt, the family sleeps in the same bed, the bedding isn't washed often, the whole family is affected."

This problem could be solved with soap and clean water.

"Educating the population about hygiene and nutrition is the key to improving the Guatemalan's lifestyle," Colonel Guzman pointed out. "Teaching the children in school about health, hygiene and nutrition through visual aids like coloring books could help educate them, as well as

their parents, about a balanced diet, the food pyramid and basic hygiene like brushing your teeth and washing your hands and face.

"I saw 10 children with chicken pox when the vaccination for chicken pox is available and free in Guatemala, she added. "Educating the population about the importance of vaccinations and annual physicals for children could also improve the health of Guatemalans.

"I'm overwhelmed by what I have seen," Colonel Guzman admitted. "The poverty and lack of resources — it makes my heart sad, but I'm happy that I'm here to help the pediatric population. The Guatemalan people are very humble and very grateful for what we are doing for them. They ask me when we can come back."

Outdoor fireplaces approved for housing residents

Recently, Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, approved the use of commercial outdoor fireplaces and chimneys in family housing areas as long as these safety measures are met:

Fireplaces must be:

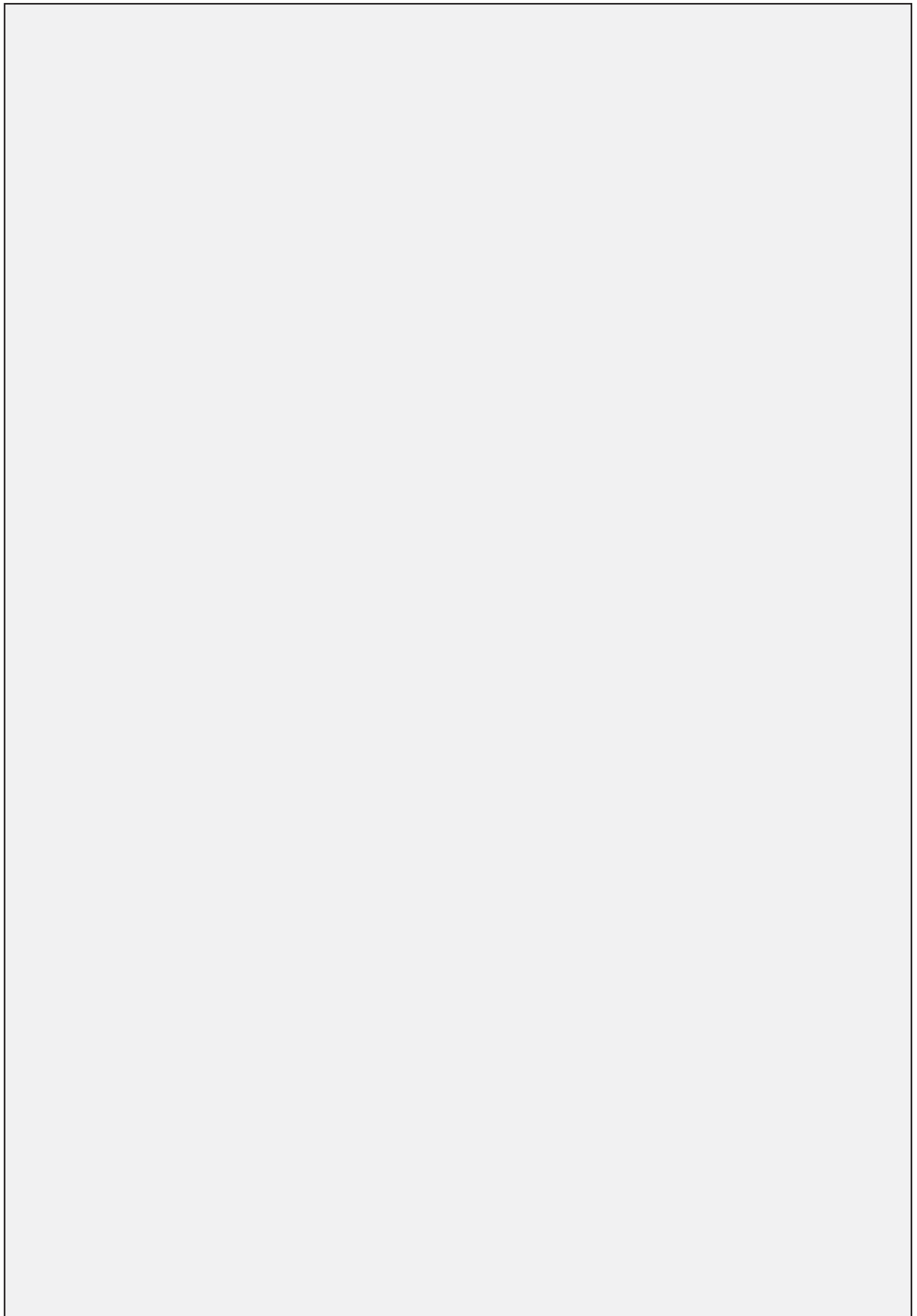
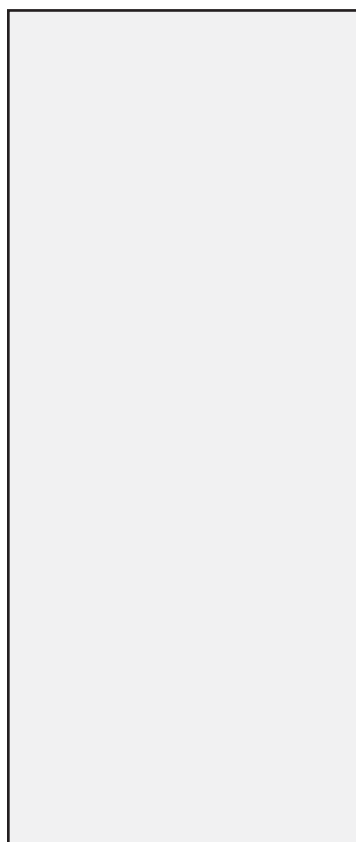
At least 15 feet from any building or structure and 25 feet from any combustibles. They can't be used in garages, carports, enclosed back patios or under overhangs.

Monitored by an adult and be completely extinguished and not allowed to just burn out, before the adult leaves.

Ashes must be cool to the touch prior to disposal.

Following these precautions ensures continued, safe use of these backyard accessories.

For more information on portable fireplaces or chimneys, call Kathleen Moon, 377-0668.



Keesler Notes

Blood pressure checks

Blood pressure screenings are offered mornings during May at the health and wellness center in observance of National Hypertension Awareness Month.

Texas Hold ‘Em

The final round of Texas Hold ‘Em is 7 p.m. today at the Keesler Community Center.

The top 32 players play for the grand prize, a seven-night,

eight-day Armed Forces vacation trip and a \$100 gas card.

Fashion show

A fashion show and prize drawing to celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day is, 11:30 a.m. May 26 at the Keesler Community Center.

The event is hosted by the family support center and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

Register for the prize drawing in Room 112, Sablich

Center, or the family support center annex in the Levitow Training Support Facility by Wednesday.

Kids on the Move

Kids on the Move, a program for children whose families are moving to new assignments, is 6-7 p.m. May 26, July 28, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17 at the youth activities center.

The program is sponsored by the family support center and youth activities center.

To preregister, call 377-2179.

Promotion ceremony

The next noncommissioned officer promotion ceremony is 3:30 p.m. May 31 at the Keesler Community Center.

Those being promoted and speakers wear service dress.

Practice is 3:30 p.m. May 27 at the center.

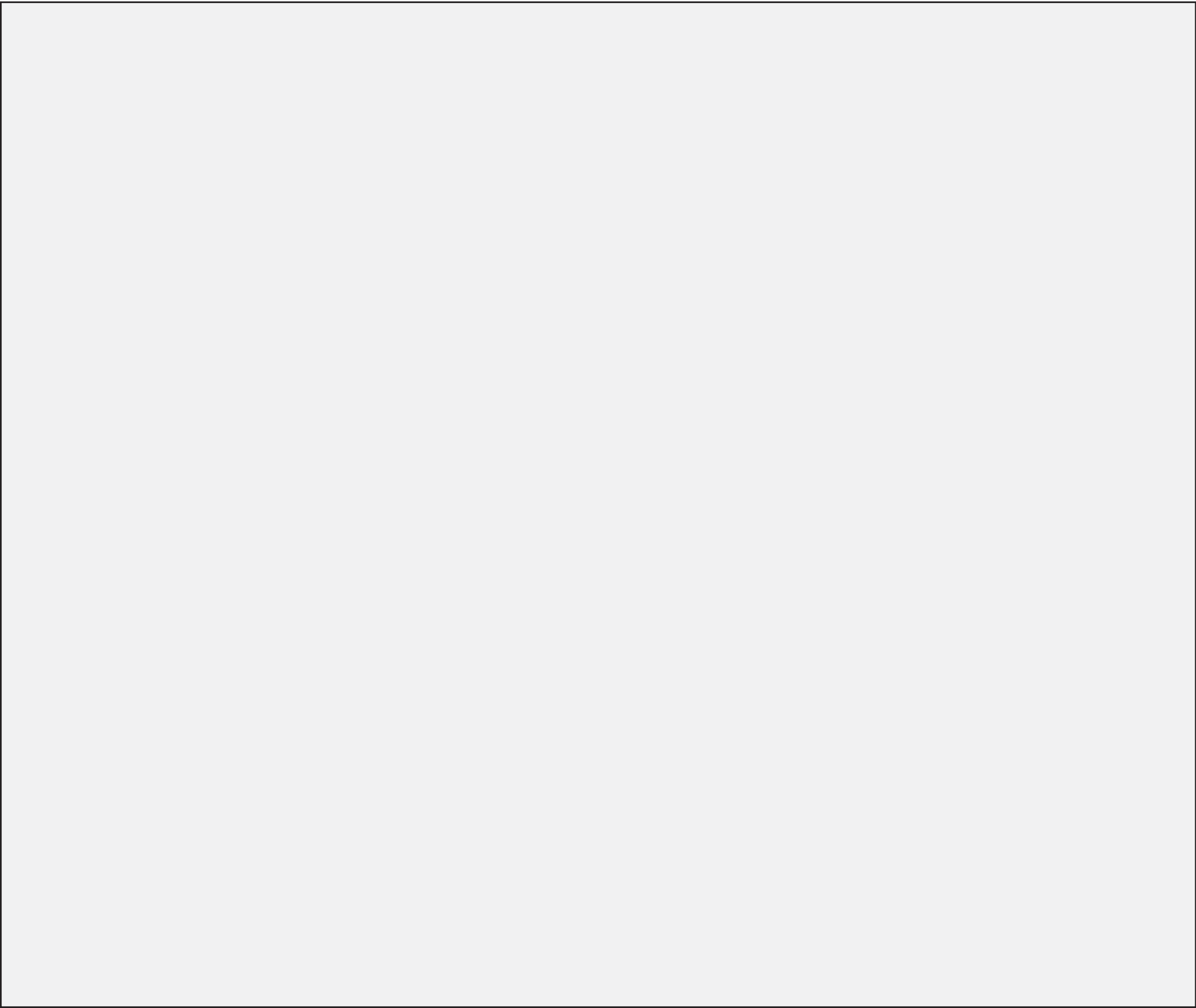
For more information, call Master Sgt. Harold Boyd, 377-2027.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link program is 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 2 in Room 130, Sablich Center.

Heart Link is a spouse orientation program for spouses with less than five years of Air Force affiliation. Limited child care is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register, call the family support center, 377-2179.



SPORTS AND RECREATION

Saints march into Keesler

By Senior Airman
Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Football fans, sports fans and interested parties were on hand as the New Orleans Saints visited Keesler May 12.

The Saints' visit was a part of an annual spring caravan the Saints makes through Louisiana and Mississippi.

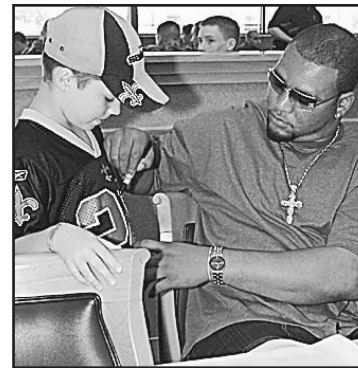
At each stop, several Saints' players and coaches sign autographs, take pictures and chat with fans.

Among the Saints who took part were running back Deuce McAllister and wide receiver Michael Lewis, both two-time National Football League All-Stars; running back Fred McAfee, also an NFL All-Star; wide receiver Donté Stallworth, 16 career touchdown receptions; defensive end Charles Grant, who recorded 10 1/2 sacks in 2004; and head coach Jim Haslett.

The Saints were taken to the base air traffic control tower and simulator before they went to the Azalea Dining Facility to sign autographs and take pictures.

For Michael Mobley, 332nd Training Squadron and his 9-year-old son, Chad, both natives of Gulfport, the chance to meet the Saints here was a dream come true.

"I have been a fan of the Saints for 33 years," Mobley said, adorned in Saints hat and jersey. "I've lived on the Gulf Coast my entire life and have



Photos by Michelle Freeck
Chad Mobley gets his Deuce McAllister jersey autographed by Deuce McAllister.

followed the Saints; Chad has been a fan with me all his life. When I first got word that they were coming to the base, I decided to take leave so I could bring Chad along as well. There is a large fan base for the Saints on the Gulf Coast, and this is a great gesture on their part."

Chad, a big fan of McAllister, was awestruck.

"This rocks!" Chad said after McAllister signed both of their No. 26 jerseys that they wore, as well as an autographed photo for both Mobleys.

Steven Brettler, 81st Mission Support Group, is a New York Giants fan, but that didn't stop him from meeting the Saints.

"I think this is a wonderful thing that they are doing this for the military," Brettler said. "I may not be a big fan, but I do appreciate them taking time out of their schedule."

Kirk Woleslagle, 81st Services Squadron, is a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, but he appreciates the Saints coming out to visit the base as well.

"It's nice of them to do this, especially during their off-season," Woleslagle said. "During the season, they're doing their job, but the off-season is really their own time. For them to take the time to see us really means a lot."

Benard Long, 335th TRS, also took the opportunity to see Saints players close up.

"I love football in general," Long said. "It's awesome that they came out here to see us."

Haslett says he was impressed with the base and its people.

"Getting a tour of the base and seeing how our military operates on a day-to-day basis gives us a better understanding of what you do for us," Haslett said. "The technology and equipment that must be operated and maintained is incredible."

Haslett added coming out to see fans helps the players.

"When you see the passion that people have for football, it gives us a better understanding of the fans who support us," he said. "It's an honor to come visit."

The Saints were established in the NFL in 1967 and have made the post-season five times.



New Orleans Saints members Deuce McAllister, left, Fred McAfee, Donté Stallworth, Michael Lewis and Charles Grant sign autographs for Keesler students and personnel at the Azalea Dining Facility May 12.

Golfing for the guard



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Honor guard members Nate Peterson, left, 332nd Training Squadron, holds the flag and Emmanuel Boyd, 81st Medical Operations Squadron, looks on as Brian Selvido, 332nd Training Squadron, putts during the Keesler Honor Guard golf tournament May 12. Door prizes were given away and proceeds from the tournament go to supporting the base honor guard.

Keesler hosts Special Olympics

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Keesler hosts the Mississippi Special Olympic Summer Games this weekend.

The opening ceremonies takes place 8 a.m. Friday at the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Among the other events taking place Friday are the torch run, powerlifting and golf.

Closing ceremonies takes place 7 p.m. Saturday at the Levitow.

The following is a schedule of events and start times:

Friday

11 a.m. — powerlifting, Triangle Fitness Center.

Noon — torch run, Triangle and Welch Theater.

1-5 p.m. — golf, Bay Breeze Golf Course.

5:30-6 p.m. — sponsor and celebrity social, Keesler Club.

6 p.m. — reception, Keesler Club.

8 p.m. — opening ceremonies, Levitow.

Saturday

8 a.m. — parent breakfast, Keesler Club.

9 a.m. — wheelchair races, Triangle Track; badminton,

Dragon Fitness Center; roller skating, Skate Zone, Ocean Springs; tennis, Keesler Tennis Courts; track, Triangle Track; aquatics, Biloxi Natatorium; bocce, Triangle Track; volleyball, soccer field; Olympic Village, Levitow petting zoo, between Welch Theater and 336th Training Squadron dorm; sailing, Ocean Springs.

1:30 p.m. — running long jump, Triangle Track; shot put, Triangle Track; softball throw, Field Four; standing long jump, Triangle Track; tennis ball throw, Field Five.

7 p.m. — closing ceremonies, Levitow.

8 p.m. — victory dance, Levitow; movie, Welch Theater.

The first Special Olympics took place in 1968 in Chicago. In 2003, the largest sporting event of the year was the Special Olympics June 21-29, 2003 with more than 7,000 athletes from 150 countries competing in 21 sports.

For more information, go to https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/Special_Events/special_olympics/index.htm

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Editor's note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Summer unsanctioned intramural league — meeting 1 p.m. May 26. League is 6 p.m. Thursdays, June 2-Aug. 25. Nine-pin no-tap, four bowlers per team, three games per night. \$7 plus shoes. To sign up, call 377-2817.

Summer leagues — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have-ball and base intramurals.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required. For more information, call 377-2817.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay to bowl, their children bowl the same game free.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all-day Sundays, bowl two hours, \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Essay contest — for ages 6-17. For more information, call 377-4385.

Strive total body fitness challenge — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday. Sign up at the Blake Fitness Center day of event.

Varsity teams — players and coaches are needed for both volleyball and softball teams. Interested members can sign up at either the Blake or Triangle fitness centers.

Sports physical — pediatric clinic provides sports physical for school-age students. To schedule, call the TRICARE appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout and use in the facility. For more information, call 377-4409.

Fitness assessments — appointments only. For more information, call 377-4385.

Dragon Fitness Center

Parent-child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years available.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered at Dragon Fitness Center to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Parent/child fitness room — 6-8 a.m. Mondays and working Fridays with workout equipment and play area for ages six months to seven years.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame. Best lifters in each weight category and gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Golf

Editor's note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Youth golf lessons — June 28-July 1, July 12-15 or July 19-22. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-3832.

Non prior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds each day, including green and cart fees and club rental.

Disks for disk golf — available for rent or purchase at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Individual and group lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Deep seas fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays and down Fridays. \$40.

May fishing tournament — weigh in the largest ground mullet and receive a \$100 savings bond.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs — pick your day and call to reserve, \$100 per person. Max six people.

Dinner cruise — 4-8 p.m. May 28. Cost is \$40 per person including meal.

Base swimming pools — open May 28.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power and water included.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification and is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — available by appointment only. For more information, call 377-3160.

Softball

Editor's note: All games will be at the Triangle softball field number indicated.

American League

(As of Monday)

Team	Won	Lost
738th EIS	2	0
338th TRS-A	2	0
81st CES-A	2	0
335th TRS-A	2	0
81st SUPS-TRANS	1	1
332nd TRS	1	1
81st MDOS	1	1
336th TRS-B	0	2
81st DS	0	2
CNATTU-A	0	1
81st OSF	0	1
Firefighters	0	1
81st CS	0	1

May 9 — 81st SUPS-TRANS 11, CNATTU-A 8; 738th EIS 10, 332nd TRS 5; 335th TRS-A 7, 81st DS 0; 81st CES-A 7, 81st MDOS 0; 338th TRS-A 22, 336th TRS-B 17.

May 11 — 81st MDOS 10, 81st OSF 7; 738th EIS 7, Firefighters 6; 338th TRS-A 17, 81st CS 7; 81st CES-A 13, 81st SUPS/TRANS 6; 335th TRS-A 14, 336th TRS-B 12; 332nd TRS 14, 81st DS 6.

Monday — 5:30 p.m. 81st DS vs. firefighters, Field 1; 81st SUPS-TRANS vs. 81st OSF, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 336th TRS-B vs. 332nd TRS, Field 1; 81st CS vs. 335th TRS-A, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st CS vs. 81st OSF, Field 1; CNATTU-A vs. 81st CES-A, Field 2; 8:30 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. 338 TRS-A, Field 2.

Wednesday — 5:30 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. 332nd TRS, Field 1; 336th TRS-B vs. 738th EIS, Field 2; 6:30 p.m., CNATTU-A vs. 338th TRS-A, Field 1; 81st SUPS/TRANS vs. 335th TRS-A, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st CES-A vs. 81st OSF, Field 1.

National League

Team	Won	Lost
336th TRS-A	2	0
81st MSS-TRW-2AF	2	0
335th TRS-B	2	0
333rd TRS	2	0
81 MSGS-A	2	0
CNATTU-B	1	1
81st MDSS	1	1
81st CES-B	1	1
403rd Wing	1	1
338 TRS-B	0	2
81st MSGS-B	0	2
81st TRSS	0	2
AFOSI-Legal	0	2

May 10 — 81st MSS-TRW-2AF 11, 81st CES-B 8; 333rd TRS 32, 338th TRS-B 14; 81st MDSS 7, 81st SFS 0; 403rd Wing 19, AFOSI-Legal 8; 81st MSGS-A 29, 81st MSGS-B 2; 335th TRS-B 13, CNATTU-B 1; 336th TRS-A 20, 81st TRSS 9.

Tuesday — 5:30 p.m. AFOSI-Legal vs. 336th TRS-A, Field 1; 81st CES-B vs. 335th TRS-B Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 81st TRSS vs. 81st MSGS-A, Field 2; 333rd TRS vs. 334 TRS, Field 1; 7:30 p.m. 81st MDSS vs. 81st MSGS-B, Field 1; 403rd Wing vs. 81st MSS-TRW-2AF, Field 2; CNATTU-B vs. 338th TRS-B, Field 1.

Volleyball

All games will be at the Blake Fitness Center.

Monday — 6 p.m. 338th TRS vs. 738th EIS; 7 p.m. 334th TRS vs. 333 TRS; 8 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 81st MDOS.

Wednesday — 6 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. 338th TRS; 7 p.m. 738th EIS vs. 334th TRS; 8 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 333rd TRS.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — karate, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

Taekwondo — 6:30-7:30 p.m. for children, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Michael Munyon, 239-6270.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic Kiel Bryant, Matthew Cornett, Ricky Hendrix, Nathan Layel, Michael Mason, Philip McGuirk, Grant Meyers, Michael Mitchell, Joshua Morrison, John Morrow, Kevin Murray, Deven Poepperling, Joshua Romero, Derek Schaaf, John Shuster, Isaac Toutpungi and Rusty Walton; Airmen Calvin Brown, James Cauthen, Leslie Manhoo, Chad Miller and Kevin Veliz; Airmen 1st Class Austin Adams, John Allison, Micahel Allison, Allen Batzel, Adam Benton, Glenn Bishop, Rosalina Brunt, Leuris Castillo, James Ciciali, Kenneth Colvin, Tracey Coon, Kyle Cossey, Ross Danaher, Noah Feehan, Jordan Fitzgerald, Michael Goulet, Dimarko Holloway, Jesse Howell, Justyn Izumi, David Jones, Aiden Kaskela, Joshua Kelly, Jeffrey Lanska, Denny Lora, Justin Melcher, Sara Miller, Samuel Rosa, Joshua Sagiao, Keith St. Laurent, Mark Tarrants and Nicholas Welder; Senior Airmen Sean Baxter, Christopher Fletcher, Rick Meisenhelder, Joshua Powell, Derek Webb, Marvin Willis and Anne Witmer; Staff Sgts. Angelo Apa, Micheal Bieluck, Michael Buck, Ernest Donnell, Kenyon Farmer, Charles Glover, Gary Langley, Lawrence Litzinger, Arquelio Martinez-Perez, Jason McCash, Gregory Meeuwssen, Joel Rivera, Gonzalo Roman and Phillip Stevens; Tech. Sgt. Quomika Andrews, Charles Hollingsworth, Christopher Huard and Tomas Paris; Senior Master Sgt. Jung Jeong; Capt. Ioanna Polyzou.

Metrology course — Airman Basic Stephanie Gunner; Airman Robert Diehl; Staff Sgt. Kelly Dotts.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Raymond Allen, Luong An, Ty Bare, Allen Cleveland, Daniel Garcilazo, Holly Lester, Stephanie Lickliter, Rashade Purdie, Chad Simko, Jeremy Sinclair, Brian Stocks, Keith Thomas, Laura Washer and Justin Yates; Airmen Nicholas Balalong, Latasha Bethea, Eric Friedman and Andrew Ritenour; Airmen 1st Class Justin Burby, Thomas Crowther, Joseph Crutcher, James Maynard, Steven Mohan and Emily Yokel; Senior Airmen Connie Chong and Jeremy Martin; Staff Sgt. Jon Dalton; Warrant Officer 4 Themistoklis Sidiras; 1st Lt. Edit Nemes; Capt. Chia Fan.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airman Basic Meisha Nixon; Airmen 1st Class Kimberly Harding, Jeanine Mayo and Beau Westmoreland; Senior Airman Michael Cadore, Janice Cordell, Jeffrey Porter, Nicole Taylor and Matthew Tucker; Staff Sgts. Munguia Cavazos, Lafietta Christian, Charles Kerr, Misty Makin, Dale Ramirez and Salvador Talamo, Tech. Sgts. Matthew Riggs and Lucas Terry.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Ryan Bergeron, Deonta Brooks, Christopher Carter, Rennelle Conner, Donald Evans, Kyle Gistavson, Cara Hanson, Andrew Johnson and Charles Sullivan; Airmen Brian Batty, Christie Crossley, David Drainer, Lewis Phillips and Christopher Watts; Marine Pvts. John Kairawicz and Cheyne White; Navy Airmen Apprentice Micheal McCool, Christian Pachecovega, Scott Rhead and Jennifer Sabo; Marine Pfc. Matthew Propst; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Belisle, Geoffrey Davies, Stacy Radel and Jonathan Zimmerman; Navy Airmen Crystal Casey, Jon Rossman, Tonya Swecker and Sarah Vogel; Navy Seaman Nicholas Chancey; Senior Airman Eric Villafranca; Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Bryan Sebring; Staff Sgt. Andrew Narog; Tech. Sgts. Robert Browder, Craig Grant, Scott Jennings and Eric Twitty.

338th TRS

Ground radio flight — Airmen Basic James Aultman, Kenneth Johnson, Jonathan Lescarbeau, Chevelis Milburn, Bradley Olson, Daniel Sanoja, Demareo Smith and Steven Sweeden; Airmen Mahendra Dataram, Benjamin Dawley, Lorenzo Hinojosa and Daniel Kautzmann; Airmen 1st Class Benjamin Agent, Heath Curless, William Finton, Nathan Geschke, Stefan Gonser, Thomas Hoffpauir, Tyler Johnson, Noah Kennelly, Joshua McGoron, Daniel Morrow, Heath Peterson, Robert Sandbothe Jr, Bruce Scheel, Matthew Stonecypher, Jason Walter, Thomas Whitten and Jonathan Wolff; Senior Airmen Jason Cheramie, James Heath, Nathan Reilly and William Strickland; Staff Sgts. Brian Leonard, Kip Morris and William Sitterle.

Radar systems flight — Airmen 1st Class Theodore Donald and Jason Jones; Staff Sgt. Dwayne Patterson; 2nd Lts. Andrej Gerjevic and Jose Tercero.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.
Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.
Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.
Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary’s Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Memorial Day

Editor’s note: Hours for these base facilities reflect changes in observance of the Memorial Day federal holiday, May 30. Any exchange facilities not listed are closed.

Keesler News — closed.

Self-help store — closed.

Keesler Thrift Shop — closed.

Commissary — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Inns of Keesler — open 24 hours.

Mini-mart — 6 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Magnolia Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Live Oak Dining Facility — 7:30-9 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Blake Fitness Center — 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Bay Breeze Golf Course — 6 a.m. to dusk.

Vandenberg Community Center — noon to 6 p.m.

Outdoor recreation — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Fam camp — open 24 hours.

Arts and crafts center — closed.

Azalea and Pecan dining facilities — closed.

Half Time Café — closed.

Keesler Club — closed.

Enlisted lounge — closed.

Dragon and Triangle fitness centers — closed.

Information, ticket and travel office — closed.

Keesler Community Center — closed.

Youth activities center — closed.

Child development center — closed.

Family child care — closed.

Gaude Lanes — closed.

McBride Library — closed.

Main base exchange — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Mini mall — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Medical center exchange — closed.

Dorm shoppette — closed.

Class Six/Shoppette — 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Service station — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. gas, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. retail; service bays closed.

Military clothing sales — closed.

Anthony’s Pizza — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Popeye’s — 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Robin Hood — closed.

A&W — closed.

Baskin Robbins — 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mobile units — closed.

Subway — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telecenter — noon to 3 p.m.

General Nutrition Center — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Beauty shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Triangle barber shop — noon to 3 p.m.

Main exchange barber shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Flower shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Main exchange laundry/dry cleaners — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Optical shop — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Portrait studio — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chappuccino — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Triangle laundry/dry cleaners — noon to 3 p.m.

Triangle jewelry shop — closed.

Triangle apparel — noon to 3 p.m.

Military rent-all — closed.

Enterprise Car Rental — closed.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

Through May 27 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

July 6-21 — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

July 25-29 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 2-12 — blocked.

Aug. 15-26 — command screening.

Sept. 12-23 — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

Sept. 26-30 — special selection.

Oct. 4-6 — blocked.

Oct. 11-21 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Oct. 25-27 — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

Nov. 14-18 — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

Dec. 5-16 — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women’s health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women’s health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and

personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Urgent care, pediatric clinic hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center's Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-D — graduates May 31.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-4 — graduates May 26.

First Term Airmen Center

No classes for the rest of the month.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

McBride Library

Orientations for college students — 6 p.m. Wednesday.

Story time — 2 p.m. Wednesday, ages 2-5.

Asian Pacific American Heritage book and poster display — during May.

Library services — free Internet use, copies 10 cents a page, copy machines 5 cents a page, fax first page \$3 and each additional page \$2, local and incoming faxes 50 cents a page.

Orientations/volunteer work — For more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

Advanced beading — Saturday and May 28; \$30 plus a \$15-\$20 supply kit. For class times, call 377-2821.

One-stroke beginner painting — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. \$40 including most supplies.

Photography — 6 p.m. Tuesday. \$10; learn composition and camera use.

Ceramic painting — Specialty class 10 a.m. Friday. \$40 plus supplies.

One-stroke project class — 1-3 p.m. Saturday. \$25 plus supplies. Sign up by today; one-stroke beginner painting is prerequisite.

Pottery — for more information, call 377-2821.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 27. \$20 including supplies; beginning framing class is prerequisite.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Friday. \$15 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. \$20 including supplies and tool use; maximum 3 students.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 6-8, July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Texas Hold 'Em — Everyone's invited to stop by, cook your own steak and watch the grand finale, 7 p.m. today.

Adult and youth guitar — half-hour lessons, 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$55 per month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

Piano lessons — 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 5 through adult. For fee information, call 377-3308.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

Coloring contest — pick up coloring/activity sheet; submit entry by 4 p.m. today.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

Nine-ball pool tournament and country DJ — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

CyberSport — Internet gaming 3-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursday. For information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

Armed Forces Day dance — 6 p.m. Saturday. \$3; dance contest, prizes.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with birthdays in May show ID card and get in free third Friday of the month.

Youth activities center

Friday teen night — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Preteen night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Kids on the move relocation workshop — 6-7 p.m. May 26, ages 6-12. To register, call 377-2179.

Three-on-three soccer registration — throughout May, ages 5-12. \$30 including jersey, socks and participation award.

Summer camp opportunities — registrations accepted now for summer camp for those completing kindergarten through grade 6; counselor-in-training program for youth at least 13 years old or in grade 7; summer youth volunteers and the youth employment skills program for grades 9-12. For more information, call 377-4116.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays ages 6 and older. \$30.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Keesler Club

Editor's note: Dining is open to all ranks.

Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Specials are Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day each week.

Wednesday special — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 for nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

NASCAR race watch parties (all ranks) — Saturday and May 29; call for times. Food and drink specials, prize giveaways; club members register to win a trip for two to a major NASCAR event.

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.

Pinochle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke night — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.

Latino night — May 20. 7-8 p.m. dance lessons. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ. Drink specials.

Rhythm and blues night — 9 p.m. till, Saturdays.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — orange spiced chops, hush puppies, braised liver with onions, tempura fried fish, hush puppies, rissole potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli, peas and carrots, wax beans, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Dinner — baked chicken, pepper steak, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, mixed vegetables, fried okra, green beans, potato salad, fruit salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, buffalo wings and roast beef subs.

Friday

Lunch — seafood newburg, bean and corn pie, roast turkey, cornbread, franconia potatoes, pea and pepper rice, gravy, corn on the cob, stewed tomatoes, mustard greens, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Dinner — corned beef, pineapple chicken, yankee pot roast, cornbread, potato wedges, simmered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, carrots, black-eyed peas, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, creole shrimp, baked potatoes, rice, gravy, creamed corn, asparagus, steamed squash, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked fish, Hungarian goulash, barbecue chicken, parsley buttered potatoes, rice, gravy, stir-fry vegetables, baked beans, creamed corn, fruit salad, kidney bean salad, country bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili with beans and chicken nuggets.

Sunday

Lunch — oven fried fish, spareribs, grilled mustard chicken breast, baked macaroni and cheese, noodles, gravy, peas, baked sweet potatoes, broccoli combo, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets, loin strip steak, mushroom and onion sauce, baked potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, jellied spring salad, tomato salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — beef pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork loin, oven-browned potatoes, rice, cauliflower combo, succotash, green beans with mushrooms, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili with beans, grilled Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — chili macaroni, beef cannelloni, fried chicken, cottage fries, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, steamed squash, glazed carrots, peas, macaroni salad, cottage cheese salad, chicken dumpling soup, minestrone, chili with beans, Polish sausage and steak and cheese subs.

Tuesday

Lunch — teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan, salmon cakes, garlic toast, filipino rice, parsley buttered potatoes, gravy, fried cabbage, succotash, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbecue beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Dinner — country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, garlic toast, harvard beets, mustard greens, okra tomato gumbo, fruit cocktail salad, spinach salad, bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup, white chicken chili, barbeque beef sloppy joes and roast beef subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, vegetable egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, stir fry vegetables, chow mein noodles, fried cabbage, chicken gravy, lemon sesame green beans, Mexican coleslaw, pasta fagioli soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — lemon-herb chicken, barbecue spareribs, stuffed pork chops, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, jalapeno cornbread, cauliflower combo, corn, tempura vegetables, Mexican coleslaw, frijole salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and Monte Cristo sandwich.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Pensacola Beach, Fla. — June 17. \$20 including round trip transportation; sign up and prepay by June 15.

VOLUNTEERS

Editor’s note: Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.

Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games — Friday-Sunday. Volunteers needed for opening ceremonies, volleyball, feeding tent, huggers, cheerleaders and other areas. Volunteers are also needed to cheer torch runners, noon May 20. Map of torch route and schedule of events is on Keesler’s a secure Web site. Those who haven’t signed up with a squadron representative, call the volunteer hotline, 377-4263 or mailto:cmnorma@cableone.net.

Biloxi National Cemetery — placement of about 14,000 flags on individual gravesites for Memorial Day, 9 a.m. May 28. Flag removal, 8 a.m. May 31. For both days, meet at the cemetery’s maintenance shop (green building near the back of the cemetery).

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.

American RedCross-Keesler Chapter — provides volunteers for disaster assistance and other emergency responses. Training is provided and skills are matched with current needs. For more information, call Richard Huffman Sr., 377-3030.

Chapel — for more information, call 377-2520.
Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Family support center — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:
Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.

Family support center — 377-2179.
Family advocacy — 377-7006.
Family member program — 377-3077.
Health and wellness center — 377-5305.
403rd Wing — 377-3277.

Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

Classes, seminars

Passport to Parenthood/Bundles for Babies— 6-8 p.m. today and May 26, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Marital enrichment classes — 3-5 p.m. Tuesday and May 31, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Tobacco cessation class — next class starts Aug. 3.
Parenting classes — .3-5 p.m. Wednesday, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Stress management classes — 4 p.m. Tuesday and June 7 and 21, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Healthy cooking demonstration — noon May 26 and June 30, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Sensible weigh — four-week class, 11 a.m. Thursdays starting June 9, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Fisher House — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.

Girl Scouts — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.

High school students — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.

Honor guard — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.
International military student office — for more information, call 377-4228.

McBride Library — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.

Medical center — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.

Retirees activities office — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

MEETINGS

Recurring

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Association, Chapter 332 — 11:30 a.m. second Wednesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Kirt Quist, 326-4775, kirt@financialgroupusa.com, or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@ member.afa.org.

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652 — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444 .

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

Alcoholics Anonymous — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

Amateur radio club — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Staff. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

AWANA — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

Boy Scout Troop 253 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to http://www.geocities.com /biloxi253/ or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

Breast cancer support group — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

Breastfeeding support group — for more information, call Jodi Qualters, 872-9190.

Cancer support group — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

Chapel ropes — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fishbowl Student Center. for more information, call 377-2331.

Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men’s fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Christian singles — various hours and activities at The Haven. For more information, call Willie Page, 392-1399.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capts. Branin Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil /CGOC/ index.htm.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyler House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyler House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyler House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClellan Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.

To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Villas; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.

To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D’Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D’Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.

Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.

Duty passengers have priority over “space available” riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.

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Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-2985 or 216-0569; Carlos Puig, 385-2985, or Dee McKaig, 432-1090.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday

of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 216-0569.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-579; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail chajanding@ aol.com.

Keesler Riders Association — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Keesler Community Center, for motorcyclists. For more information, call Gerald Gardner, 377-2386, or Tech. Sgt. Joanna Ball, 377-2430 or 2432.

Medical center officers spouses

club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Marty Cummings, 388-4595.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center.

For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 377-9464; Master Sgt. Stephen Marrotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377- 5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-

in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Debbie Wilson, 831-8772, or e-mail debbie_weightwatchers@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS Movies

Editor’s note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

Today — 7 p.m., Beauty Shop (PG-13).

Friday — 7 p.m., Fever Pitch (PG-13).

Saturday — closed due to Special Olympics events.

Sunday — 2 p.m., free sneak preview, The Longest Yard.